



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon.), Executive Officer

DATE: July 12, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Fourth District Excess Funds River funds to the City of Long Beach for Los Angeles River projects, including (a) DeForest Wetlands Development; (b) Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Acquisition; (c) Wrigley Greenbelt Development; and (d) Baker Mini-Park Development.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Fourth District Excess Funds River funds to the City of Long Beach for Los Angeles River projects, including (a) DeForest Wetlands Development; (b) Drake/Chavez Greenbelt Acquisition; (c) Wrigley Greenbelt Development; and (d) Baker Mini-Park Development; with the condition that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's contribution, along with that of the Los Angeles County Open Space District, is acknowledged on signage and public information materials when the projects are completed.

Background: Please refer to the attached correspondence from City of Long Beach regarding Los Angeles River Proposition A Excess Funds that are earmarked for the MRCA in the Fourth Supervisorial District. The City (in conjunction with Supervisor Knabe's office and the Los Angeles County Open Space District) has again requested the MRCA's approval to use Prop A River Fourth District funds for Los Angeles River-related projects. The proposed acquisitions and park development projects appear to be appropriate River projects. City of Long Beach and City of Paramount have made previous requests to MRCA for Prop A projects, which the Governing Board has approved, most recently in July 2006. At that time funds were reassigned for the City of Long Beach's Drake/Chavez Park Greenbelt. Staff recommends that signage and public information materials for the acquisition acknowledge the MRCA as well as the County Open Space District.

Maps and additional background have been requested of the City, and may be available at the meeting.